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FBI Official Is Retiring

John J. McDermott, the chief administrative officer of the FBI, will retire next month, leaving vacant the top three executive positions under Director William H. Webster.

McDermott, 53, has been deputy associate director in charge of the bureau's records, lab, training and identification divisions the last three years.

Like James B. Adams, the associate director who filled the other two top jobs before he retired a few months ago, member of the bureau's old guard, which rose to power under longtime director J. Edgar Hoover.

McDermott was special agent in charge of the Alexandria and Washington field offices in the early 1970s.